Boston, 21 Cornhill,
Feb. 2/54

My dear Sir —

You really "had me" on the matter of the date of my last. — I remember I wrote it in haste; but I could hardly credit it, that I had written Nov. for Jan. — Some passing thought or allusion, at the moment, perhaps was the cause. — Now I write on Candlemas day and I hope you have "half your wood, and half your hay", & a good stock of flour, &c. &c. in these times of high prices.

The ten dollars for the Bazaar was received, and I enclose herein the little due-bill you gave. —

Mr Wallcut has one dollar of yours in his hands. The retail price of the Decade pamphlet has been put at 25 cents, though this is not equal probably to the cost; for it is a thick pamphlet of

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over 170 pages. — Mr. M. will enter your $1. on acct of the pamphlets. — I propose to send you 25 copies of it, to make such use of as you think best. Where you think the cause will be subserved, you will please ~~send~~ give away copies; ~~& you~~ — Where you choose to do it, and the person can afford to pay, and may properly be asked to do it, so, you can sell copies, at 25 c. And whatever — if anything — you receive for them, over & above expenses, you can send to Mr. Wallcut. — Crosby & N. had sent their bundle to you, before our pamphlets was out. So I must send to you an independent parcel. —

F. Douglass's matter — which you asked me to keep you informed about — has assumed no new aspects, to my knowledge. He was here

last week, at an Anti. Meeting; I made a very few remarks, quite lame & impotent; he evidently felt a strangeness in that company.

Mr. Finch did not send me one of his books; but I have an opportunity to see it. — I shall be very glad to hear of the progress of your Free Meetings in Syracuse. I agree with you, that it is often a very necessary as well as good work to clear away that fog from people's minds, which old dogmas, & unintelligible & irrational theories, have formed; — and which, I more & more believe, they were designed to form. — Yesterday, about 100 eminent Unitarian Saints met in this city, to devise ways & means to wake up a greater interest in themselves & others, circulate their writings, &c. &c. They are as sectarian, & narrow & dead to all true & Christian work, as any body of people I know of.

I have brought my wife, & my daughters to Boston for the rest of the winter, and we are at board. — Edward will continue at the academy in Leicester, and Russell is still at Miss Ripley's school, in Concord. — Please give my best love to all your family. All well, among our relatives, so far as I know, — excepting Mrs. Maria May, who remains in the same paralysed state in which she has been for months.

Believe me,
Very affectionately,
Yours
Saml. May Jr.

Mr. Wallcut desires his love to you. —

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